

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2350 - SB 2520

February 27, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides for a \$50 personal needs allowance for low-income long-term nursing home patients. The allowance is not to affect a person's eligibility for long term care. The funds are to be offset through a reduction in payments to long term care facilities for items unrelated to quality of care.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

The current personal needs allowance is \$30 per month. Any patient income above that amount is retained by the nursing home and reduces the amount of state reimbursement. This bill reduces reimbursement to nursing homes by increasing the amount of personal income retained by patients that would otherwise go to the nursing home. The bill does not allow the state to increase Medicaid reimbursement to make up the difference. The reduction to nursing homes is estimated to be about \$6.4 million.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director